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European Council publishes decision on granting Ukraine status of candidate member of EU



The European Council has published the conclusions of the meeting regarding granting Ukraine the status of a candidate member of the European Union.

"The European Council recognizes the European perspective of Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia. The future of these countries and their citizens lies in the European Union. The European Council has decided to grant the status of a candidate country to Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova," says the third section of the conclusions entitled "Application for membership of Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Georgia".

The conclusions note that the European Commission is requested to report to the Council on "the fulfillment of the conditions specified in the Commission's opinions on relevant applications for membership under its regular enlargement package". "The Council will decide on further steps once all these conditions are fully met," the document says.

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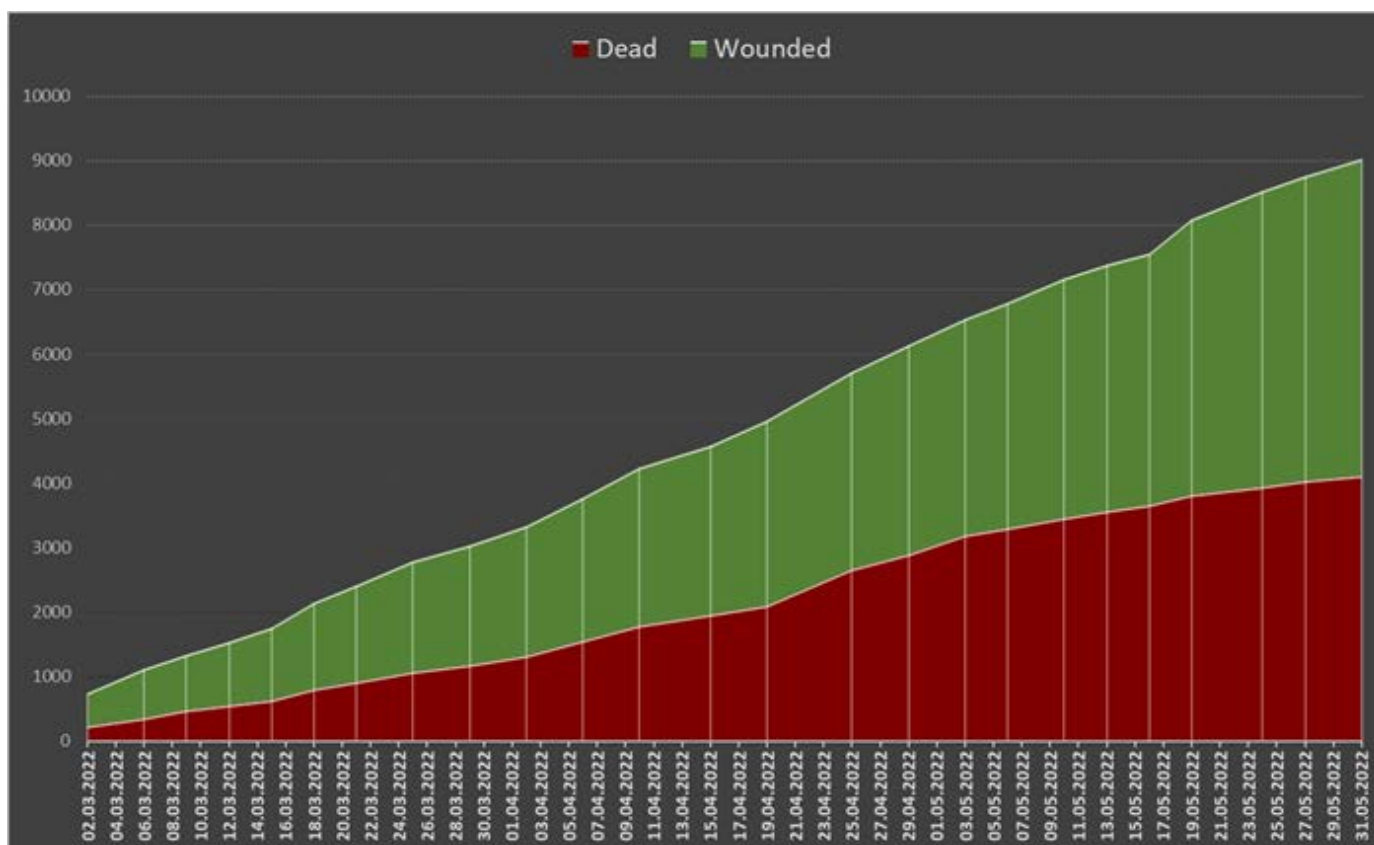
Pope Francis would like to visit Kyiv and Moscow

Pope Francis would like to visit Kyiv and Moscow after his trip to Canada, which is scheduled for the end of July. In an interview with Reuters, Francis said that first of all he would like to visit Moscow in order to serve the “cause of peace” and persuade the Russian leadership to end the war against Ukraine.

“I would like to go (to Ukraine), and I wanted to go to Moscow first. We exchanged messages about this because I thought that if the Russian president gave me a small window to serve the cause of peace. The first thing is to go to Russia to try to help in some way, but I would like to go to both capitals,” the Pope said.



Number of dead and wounded civilians in Ukraine as a result of military actions from 24.02.2022 according to UN data (per)



European Broadcasting Union finally confirms decision to postpone Eurovision Song Contest 2023 from Ukraine

The European Broadcasting Union has confirmed the decision to transfer the international song contest Eurovision 2023 to another country and will continue to discuss the issue of finding a suitable venue.

"The EBU fully understands the disappointment caused by the announcement that the Eurovision Song Contest 2023 cannot be held in Ukraine, this year's winning country. The decision was dictated by the EBU's obligation to ensure that conditions are met to guarantee the safety of all who work and participate in the event for which planning must begin immediately in the host country," the organization said in a statement.

The Broadcasting Union stated that it is essential that decisions made regarding the contest are made by broadcast professionals and do not become politicized, and also stressed that the rules of the contest clearly state that the event can be rescheduled in force majeure situations, such as like an ongoing war.

"The EBU sought advice from an outside security expert who made it clear that the countermeasures proposed to mitigate threats when planning the event in Ukraine were insufficient for an international public event, and the assessment of the risk of a mass casualty event due to the ongoing conflict is "high", the statement says.

In addition, the EBU says that in addition to security concerns, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine makes delegations and participants reluctant to travel to the country.



More than 200 thousand cars were imported to Ukraine from Europe on preferential terms

Ukrainians imported 211,000 cars from Europe on preferential terms, and the number of imported cars increased by 48,000 in two weeks, Yaroslav Zheleznyak, deputy head of the Verkhovna Rada committee on finance, tax and customs policy, said.



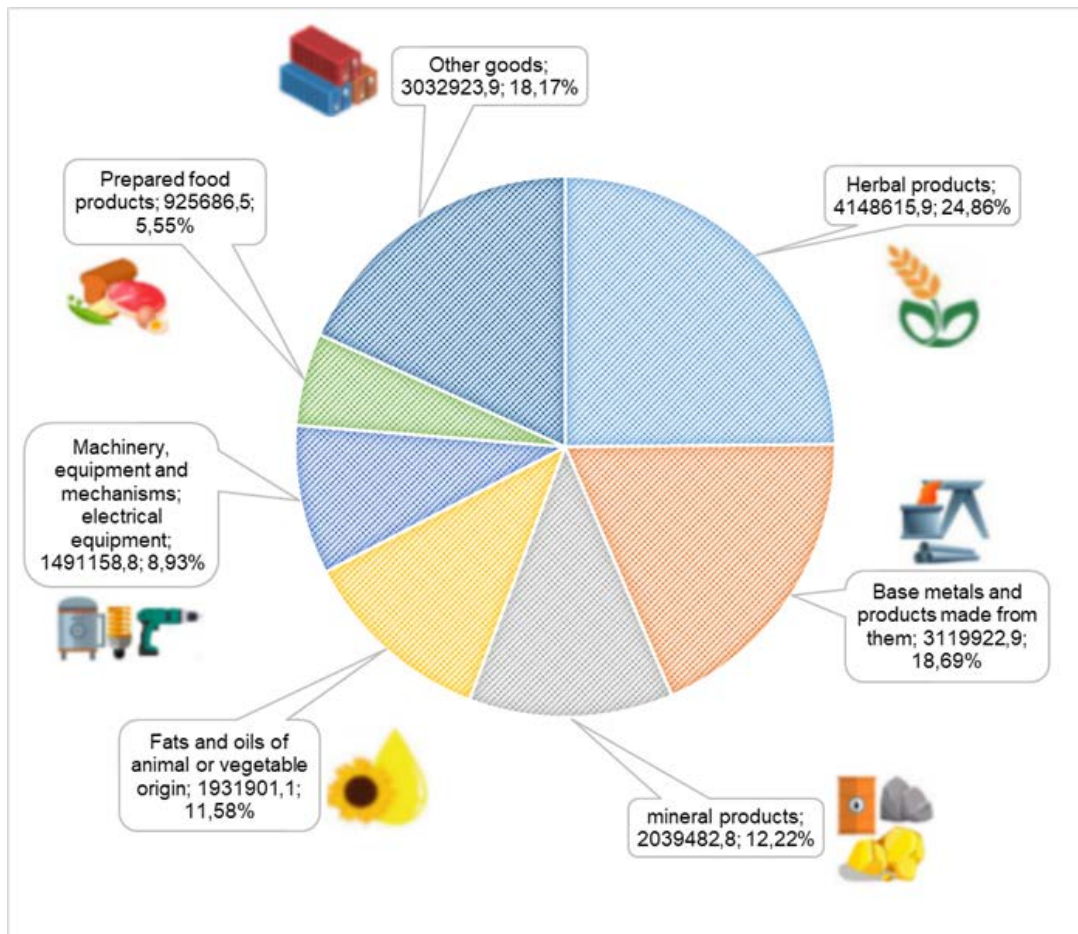
"As of June 27, 211,000 cars entered Ukraine under preferential customs clearance. Over the past 2 weeks, an additional 48,000 cars have been brought in," he said on the Telegram channel on Monday.

The total amount of the benefits provided amounted to UAH 23.5 billion, he added.



After the news about the abolition of benefits from July 1, as envisaged by the legislative changes adopted by the Parliament, the pace of car imports has increased significantly. On weekdays in June, an average of 4.7 thousand cars are imported per day compared to 3.2 thousand in May, the People's Deputy specified. "In fact, it would probably be many times more, the throughput capacity of foreign and our customs limits. To understand, there are now a line of 1000 cars and 9.5 km at the same Budomez-Grushev, the Polish side passes very slowly. At the checkpoint" Yagodin "The queue is generally 40 km," Zheleznyak pointed out. "It is also significant that four times more than usual was imported over the weekend. This Saturday, 2,400 cars drove in, although this figure was usually less than 650 cars on weekends," he added.

Foreign trade turnover by the most important positions in Jan-Apr 2022 (export)



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Satellite internet from Starlink will appear in Ukrainian trains

JSC Ukrzaliznytsia (UZ) has already tested a pilot project for installing Starlink satellite Internet on trains, Yuriy Shchigol, head of the State Special Communications Service, said in an interview with Liga.tech.

“When we contacted Starlink technical specialists after testing and showed how it works, even they were surprised that we were able to use Starlink in this way. According to its technical characteristics, it should not work at such speeds. But it works and provides services,” he said. According to him, Internet from Starlink will be launched on Ukrzaliznytsia trains by the end of this year.

Shchigol noted that 12 thousand Starlink terminals are currently operating in Ukraine, which is about 20% of their total number in Europe.



Gas transit through Ukraine in June is lowest monthly volume since 1991

Transit of natural gas through the GTS of Ukraine in June 2022 amounted to 1.25 billion cubic meters. m, which is the minimum monthly volume since 1991.

According to the GTS Operator of Ukraine, the volume of transit for the last month is three times less than in June 2021 (3.72 billion cubic meters), and a quarter lower than in May 2022.

“Obviously, Russia continues to blackmail Europe with a reduction in gas supplies, which is why its exchange price today already exceeds \$1,600. “with the redirection of flows through Ukraine and Poland,” added the head of the operator Sergei Makogon.

At the same time, Gazprom in June used only 38% of the booked capacity (3.29 billion cubic meters) under a long-term contract. “Combined with the restriction of transit through the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline, this leads to a “drainage” of the EU gas market and an increase in prices.

As a result of the manipulative actions of Gazprom, gas prices in Europe have increased by almost 42% since the beginning of June,” noted in OGTSU. On the Ukrainian gas transport corridor in 2021-2024. there is a mandatory “reservation” for “Gazprom” – 40 billion cubic meters. m (109.6 million cubic meters per day) after 65 billion cubic meters. m (178 million cubic meters/day) in 2020.



Ukraine plans to build 7.1 GW of renewable energy facilities

Ukraine, as part of the post-war reconstruction, aims to build 7.1 GW of renewable energy facilities, Energy Minister German Galushchenko said.

“Our goal is to build 7.1 GW of new renewable energy capacity, moving to market models of green energy incentives, in particular green auctions. We also plan to install 750 MW of storage capacity in the first stage,” the minister said during an online high-level meeting “Green energy for the reconstruction of post-war Ukraine” (“Renewables to power post-war Ukraine”), organized in Brussels on Monday.



According to him, cited in the release of the Ministry of Energy, green transformation will be at the center of the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine, and the decarbonization of the energy sector of Ukraine is planned to be carried out, in particular, thanks to the development of safe and carbon-neutral nuclear energy. “We are considering 10 GW of hydrogen exports from Ukraine to the EU, which the European Commission outlined as our starting figure,” the minister added.

UFuture plans to invest \$20 million in creation of industrial parks in Lviv, Vinnitsa and Bucha

The holding company UFuture intends to invest \$20 million in the creation of industrial parks in Lviv, Vinnitsa and Bucha, UFuture founder Vasily Khmelnytsky said in an exclusive interview with Interfax-Ukraine.



“Obviously, Russia continues to blackmail Europe with a reduction in gas supplies, which is why its exchange price today already exceeds \$1,600. “with the redirection of flows through Ukraine and Poland,” added the head of the operator Sergei Makogon.

In his opinion, these starting areas are too compact.

“Why is this not enough? What is 15 hectares? This is approximately 8-10 factories. And when you have built 10 factories and everything is fine there, then every year the place becomes even more attractive. An investor comes there who is satisfied with security and benefits, wants to build plant, and you already have nothing. Therefore, industrial parks need to be produced on areas of 100-200 hectares, but, unfortunately, there are not very many such sites,” Khmelnytsky said.

Regarding the sources of capital in the conditions of war, he said that he was counting on his own and credit resources.

Expert Igor Stakovychenko told what technologies will be used in restoration of housing facility in Ukraine

On July 1, the “Register of Destruction” is launched in Ukraine. With its help, homeowners whose houses and apartments were damaged as a result of hostilities and enemy shelling will be able to apply for compensation using the Diya application.

At the same time, the question of what the restored houses of Ukrainians will be like, taking into account the new realities and requirements for the housing stock after the war, remains no less important. The Open4business portal discussed these issues with Igor Stakovychenko, an expert in the field of construction and real estate.

“The introduction of the “Register of Destruction” will greatly simplify the procedure for compensating for damages for affected citizens. In fact, such a registry will bring together all the data on the destruction in the country. This will be very useful both for the state of Ukraine and for individual citizens when receiving compensation from the aggressor through international legal institutions,” the expert noted.

As for the new technologies that will be used in the construction of housing, here Stakovychenko recommends first of all to focus on the needs of society.

“What most people want from a new home, whose homes have been destroyed by the war, is reliability and security. The presence of equipped bomb shelters, convenient evacuation routes, autonomy – these are the criteria without which it is difficult to imagine post-war architecture,” Igor Stakovychenko stressed. In his opinion, a good option would be the restoration and development of numerous recreational areas, some of which were abandoned even before the war. Stakovychenko believes that many Soviet-built sanatoriums and boarding houses, which have been practically not used for all the years of independence, can become a good platform for building eco-friendly settlements with autonomous service, since most of the communications have already been connected to them.



“Environmental friendliness and high technologies during construction will also become the hallmark of post-war architecture in Ukraine. Projects such as “zero energy houses”, or even “mini-power houses”, which are now being widely implemented in the EU, will also be popular after the war,” the expert added.

Google services to remain free for Ukrainian small and medium-sized enterprises until war end

Google has decided to maintain special conditions for Ukrainian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) until the end of the war, exempting them from paying for Google Workspace, which was introduced in the rest of the world on July 1, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov has said.



“Since July, Google has been introducing a paid subscription to Google Workspace, but we have agreed on special conditions for our small and medium-sized enterprises. Until the end of the full-scale war, these services will be free,” Fedorov wrote on the Telegram channel on Monday.

He also thanked Google for its regular assistance and support to Ukraine, in particular, for providing the country with \$15 million in assistance and free use of Google Workspace by Ukrainian teachers, as well as donating 43,000 laptops to schools.

Google Workspace includes corporate mail, cloud storage and other services.

According to WHO, over 10 thousand cases of monkeypox have been recorded in world



The total number of confirmed cases of monkeypox in more than 60 countries has exceeded 10 thousand cases, European media reported on Thursday, citing WHO.

It is noted that the largest number of cases of this disease occurs in Europe.

The WHO emergency committee is expected to meet next Thursday, July 21, to discuss measures to combat the spread of monkeypox.

In addition, the committee at the meeting is expected to decide on the classification of the outbreak, in particular whether the spread of monkeypox is a public health emergency.

The head of WHO, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, has repeatedly expressed concern about the situation with the spread of monkeypox, called for “work to stop the transmission of the disease,” and recommended that governments of different countries carry out contact tracing of the sick.

Monkeypox is a rare infectious disease most prevalent in remote areas of Central and West Africa. Its symptoms are nausea, fever, rash, itching, and muscle pain. Earlier, the Club of Experts analyzed the situation, the experts gave their comments and forecasts regarding this disease. For more details, see the video material on YouTube channel Club of Experts



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Program for housing and infrastructure restoration in Ukraine foresees \$150-250 bln investment

The national program for the restoration and modernization of housing and infrastructure in the regions of Ukraine involves \$150-250 billion in investments.

Such figures are published in the Ukraine Recovery Vision “Strong European Ukraine is a magnet for international investments,” presented at a conference in Lugano.

In particular, a study of the situation of displaced persons by region (internal and external migration) will be conducted, a unified state register of citizens in need of housing will be created, the purchase of existing residential apartments will be provided to replenish social and temporary housing funds, the practice of non-profitable rental housing will be introduced, etc.

“ *The national program provides for the construction of new and restoration of destroyed facilities with energy efficiency and barrier-free facilities; renewal of engineering networks with the introduction of innovations (centralized cooling, heat pumps, biomass, etc.); reconstruction and construction of drinking water purification stations, equipment of modern regional drinking water monitoring laboratories, etc.*

At the same time, new construction of residential infrastructure must be carried out in accordance with the best practices of urban planning. In particular, a fair transformation of monofunctional cities, the creation of a network of logistics hubs, etc. are proposed.

As part of the national program, the pilot construction of buildings with close to zero energy consumption (NZEB) is planned, including through the restoration of destroyed buildings in accordance with the requirements of the NZEB. The national program emphasizes the importance of providing the sector with critical materials. In particular, it is planned to localize the production of windows (5-6 million units per year), localize the production of glass (300,000 tonnes per year), localize the production of thermal insulation materials (about 13 million cubic meters per year).

Infrastructure minister Oleksandr Kubrakov: Ukraine should focus on many small projects by war end

Ukraine, while active hostilities with the Russian aggressor continue, is in survival mode, and during this period it is too early to take on billion-dollar projects for decades, Infrastructure Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov believes.

“ *“Now we need to launch a lot of low-cost and small projects that will help us and our trading partners to implement them quickly and concretely,” he said in an interview with the Swiss newspaper Neue Zürcher Zeitung.*

“Instead of planning completely destroyed hospitals from scratch, I prefer to focus on repairing hospitals with broken windows and damaged roofs,” the minister explained.

Among such priority projects, he named the rapid repair of bridges, roads and railway lines, which are key for the army and economic recovery, as well as all projects related to increasing the country's export capabilities.

“Honestly, we are not talking about billions, but millions and many other small projects. New, more efficient checkpoints on the border with Poland, Romania and Moldova, new railway lines from the nearest cargo points in Ukraine, which use the European standard track instead of the Russian wide track,” Kubrakov explained.

According to him, global reconstruction in Ukraine will begin with the end of the war. The Minister of Infrastructure noted the need not just for the reconstruction of old Soviet bridges, but for the construction of new ones using modern technologies.

Associations of Ukrainian manufacturers call on the authorities to impose a moratorium on the increase in tariffs for cargo transportation

Associations of Ukrainian manufacturers call on the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine to introduce a moratorium on raising tariffs for rail freight for the period of martial law and 6 months. after its termination.

“There was no real discussion between shippers and the carrier about a compromise solution to increase tariffs – we were simply presented with a fact. When Ukrzaliznytsia announced the discussion of raising tariffs by 70%, the order to increase tariffs had already been signed. We had specific proposals: to introduce a moratorium for the period of martial law and 6 months after on the increase in tariffs within the borders of Ukraine, and all related services,” said Ludmila Kripka, executive director of the Ukrcement association, at a press conference at the Interfax-Ukraine agency on Thursday.

According to her, UZ did not take into account the transportation of raw materials, coal, fillers in the infrastructure component of transportation, and did not include the tariff distance, which is why the cost of the final product will increase more significantly than in the carrier's forecast.

“*“The impact on the cost of the final product will be much higher than presented by UZ. On the example of cement: for us, the main raw material is limestone, and there the highest figure is 55%. Other industries fell into the values of 0-13%,” Kripka said.*”

In addition, from August 1, the calculation for the use of wagons will be changed to the actual one instead of the planned one, which will also increase the costs of shippers due to delays in border crossings, the expert noted.

Oleg Misyuk, a representative of the Ukrainian Association of the Limestone Industry, pointed out that the decision to raise tariffs would have a significant impact on the lime market, which is already undergoing a significant decline in production volumes.

“Before the war, the cost of delivery from the west of Ukraine to the Dnieper was 400 UAH per ton, now it is 650 UAH. With a producer price of up to 300 UAH / t, the consumer overpays another 200-250 UAH from July 1. In general, lime production has fallen from pre-war 1, 2 million tons per month to 350 thousand tons in May-June. The decision of UZ to increase tariffs will hit the market even harder, we expect a fall by another 30-40%,” he said.

The expert also noted that the increase in tariffs may put Ukrainian lime producers in a non-competitive position in front of foreign companies interested in entering the Ukrainian market.

At the same time, the increase in the cost of logistics for grain exporters, coupled with the blocking of Ukrainian ports, can play a decisive role in the bankruptcy of most agricultural producers, says Nikolai Gorbachev, president of the Ukrainian Grain Association.

“With this increase in tariffs, the logistics to the port of Constanta in Romania is already \$180. The price for a loaded vessel is about \$240 per ton. Thus, the agricultural producer needs to sell barley from the elevator for \$50-60. The cost of growing it is more than \$160. He will not receive even a third of his costs, so he will not carry out any sowing campaign in August. This will lead to the bankruptcy of most agricultural producers,” he said.



The Ukrainian Association of Ferroalloys and Other Electrometallurgical Products also opposed the increase in tariffs.

“Ferroalloys are cargo of the third tariff class, and are transported by rail only accompanied by guards paid by the hour. And given the change in the logistics of transportation due to the war, cargo in some directions is on the road 9-10 times longer than before the war” – explained the head of the association Sergey Kudryavtsev.

Majority of medical specialists, who fled abroad, have returned to Ukraine, continue to work – experts

The majority of medical experts, who had fled abroad due to the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine, have come back and continue to work, practitioners and experts in the sphere of medicine said during a roundtable discussion hosted by the Interfax-Ukraine News Agency on Thursday.

“For the moment, 98% of personnel are in place. Some of them left for western Ukraine or abroad in the first months of the war, however, today almost all of them have come back and continue to work,” Head of the Department of Cardiometabolic Diseases of the Clinic for Adults of the State Institution “Center for Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine,” PhD in Medical Sciences Yevhen Marushko said.

“*“Speaking about the personnel of the Filatov Institute, almost none of our employees left. Some 99% of our personnel stay here. There is a shortage of specialists in very specific profiles as there are few of them all over the country. If specialists, whom we already lack, leave, this has a negative impact on the level of medical assistance,” ophthalmologist of the highest category, head of the department of inflammatory pathologies of the eye and microsurgical treatment of their consequences at state institution “Filatov Institute of Eye Diseases and Tissue Therapy of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine” Oleksandra Zborovska said.*

In turn, Business Development Director of ADONIS medical group of companies Svitlana Lonska said that the majority of the personnel of private medical institutions have returned, while those who are abroad also plan to come back soon.

Despite the fact that a maternity hospital was destroyed during large-scale military operations in Kyiv region, the doctors did not suspend their work and had to deliver babies under emergency conditions, she stressed.

At the same time, Head of the Department of Nephrology and Renal Replacement Therapy of the National University of Health Protection, owner of the Nephrology Clinic, Professor Dmytro Ivanov noted that the doctors and senior staff, who have returned to Ukraine, thus proved the level of their reliability.

“In the first two months we lost more than 60% of doctors and around 75% nurses in Kyiv in the first two months. Almost no medical personnel remained in the districts of Ukraine where military operations were conducted. Around 90% of medical staff have returned as of today. I think this could be considered a criteria of reliability of doctors and senior staff, for example, heads of departments and chief doctors,” Ivanov said.



Fund for Reconstruction and Development of Ukraine and KNUBA handed over new jeep to defenders of Ukraine

On Thursday, July 14, the president of the Fund for Reconstruction and Development of Ukraine Artem Goncharenko, the head of Kontramarka Help Oleksandr Poryadchenko and the rector of KNUBA Petro Kulikov handed over a 4x4 jeep to the soldiers of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, among whom are university employees. This is a contribution to the logistical support of the military unit of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Artem Goncharenko, president of the Reconstruction and Development Fund of Ukraine, noted that only in support is the strength of unity. Colleagues and comrades in the rear should support their brothers at the front. "We are strong together, we in KNUBA are not only rebuilding Ukraine, but also created the International Construction Fund "Ukraine", which is already starting housing construction projects for "War Heroes", and today we supported our colleagues by providing them with a car."

"Choosing a car, looking at a bunch of options, and finding this one, bargaining for it and talking to the owner in Europe, I realized that the former owner really wants a faster victory for our country, he even left the icons. While driving the car to our guys, I thought about the fastest victory and how we at Kontramarka Help can still help, and the feeling of driving was like driving a tank-supercar," Oleksandr Poryadchenko commented on the gift.

Rector Petro Kulikov made a speech to the military and volunteers: "Each of us is a cog in a big machine that is aimed at victory, everyone tries to help, together we collect and coordinate assistance to the Armed Forces, and not only in the construction direction."

We believe in our own strength and continue to build our future together. Because we are united by love for Ukraine, unique and unique. And love will win. Yes, right now you may feel that darkness is all around you. But tomorrow the sun will rise again over our peaceful sky.

Agricultural expert offers new concept of formation of land market

If a society does not have a goal, then it is an ordinary society that lives by the same rules or has certain common features – the same society as a herd of sheep.

Civil society has been talked about for a long time. For the average citizen, if he has heard about civil society, it is something that some experts and some scientists have for their expert-scientific work, and it has no relation to real life.

What is civil society? This is a society that has a common goal and actively wants to achieve it. This is a society of non-state influence. It can either support the government or oppose it.

A developed civil society is a necessary element of democracy and a sign of statehood. A developed civil society is able to realize public interests and influence the formation of power.

The development of civil society in Ukraine is a practical way to European integration.

It is not surprising that European countries take care of the development of civil society in Ukraine.

The level of development of civil society is determined by the level of the goal, set tasks, formed methods, mechanisms and tools for achieving the goal. The artificial creation of associations of citizens who do not have a common permanent goal or the creation of artificial associations became the reason for the lack of feeling or perception by Ukrainians of civil society as something important in the formation and development of social processes.

The development of civil society requires real associations of citizens that have a socially important and useful goal, set tasks, formed methods, developed mechanisms and effective tools for achieving the goal.

The community of owners of agricultural land is a potential association of citizens – a society that meets all the criteria and requirements set forth by the development of civil society. It is easy for the community of land owners to define a goal, according to which to set tasks, form methods, develop mechanisms and implement them into possible means (tools). The goal for any land owner is to increase the income from the land and ensure that the land is cared for – that is, the income from the land must be optimally efficient.

Among the tasks of the association of land owners is the transition to public organized independent land management, which ensures that any land owner, regardless of age, financial, material or organizational capabilities, can carry out independent management and receive the maximum possible profit from the use of land.

Voda UA will start bottling mineral and alpine water in Tetrapak eco-friendly packaging

The access of producers of mineral and mountain water to glass bottles for bottling water has become much more difficult due to the shortage of glass containers throughout Europe, it was caused by the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation into Ukraine and the subsequent reduction in its production in both countries.

In this situation, AT Market LLC (Kyiv), which is engaged in bottling high-mountain Carpathian water under the Voda UA brand, plans to start producing water in Tetrapak packaging next month, the owner and founder of the company, Dmitry Nikiforov, told Interfax-Ukraine on Tuesday.

“Now all the factories are standing, so many of our and some European manufacturers have stopped producing water in “glass”, and are limited only to plastic. We, for our part, understand that all our manufacturers will run out of bottles in the foreseeable future, and in early August we will offer the market an alternative to glass is Tetrapak eco-packaging with a volume of 0.33 liters,” Nikiforov said.

He recalled that the situation with the availability of glass containers for producers of mineral and high mountain waters remains difficult throughout Europe, because a significant part of the bottles were produced in Ukraine and Russia.

Earlier, Nikiforov said in an interview with the agency that AT Market can produce glass containers for bottling water under the Voda UA trademark only at the Vetropack plant in Gostomel (Kyiv region), since the necessary presses remained at the plant that was under Russian occupation for some time -forms. In May, the head of the company noted that the batch of bottles produced before the war on the order of AT Market was not damaged, and it could be picked up within a month.

“Unfortunately, the plant will not be launched in Gostomel. We bought the remaining bottles that survived, and that’s all for now,” Nikiforov stated.

At the same time, he stressed that the AT Market water bottling plant, located in the Ivano-Frankivsk region, is now working in two shifts.

Voda UA is a group of companies engaged in the extraction of Carpathian high-mountain waters under the trademarks Voda UA, “Goryanka”, “Karpatskaya dzherelna vysokogirna”.



Shortage of salt in Ukraine was temporary, Ukrainian product has already been replaced by imported one – Club of Experts

The excitement that was observed around the shortage of table salt in early June has generally declined, today the market does not experience an acute shortage of this product, according to the Expert Club analytical center. In a new video, released on the YouTube channel of the same name, the ball analyzes the current situation with the availability of various types of salt, as well as its benefits and harms in terms of a healthy diet. According to the candidate of biological sciences Svyatoslav Morozov, in Ukraine today there are several explored deposits of rock salt, in particular in the Kalush region of the Ivano-Frankivsk region, as well as Solotvino in the Transcarpathian region, which will replace the production facilities temporarily stopped due to the war in the Bakhmut region.

“*The founder of the Club of Experts, Candidate of Economic Sciences Maksim Urakin emphasized that today salt is produced in the world by more than 110 countries, among which China, India and the USA are the leaders. “Ukraine occupied a worthy place in the world salt market. In particular, Artyomsol provided exports to more than 50 countries of the world,” the expert noted.*

According to him, the main importers of Ukrainian salt were Poland, Hungary, Moldova and a number of other countries. Recall that in April 2022, the Artemsol enterprise, located in Soledar, Donetsk region, stopped its work due to hostilities in order to ensure the safety of employees.

For more details, see the video on the Expert Club channel:

You can subscribe to the channel using the link:

U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine: USA to continue efforts to provide safe passage for Ukrainian grain

U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Bridget Brink had a “valuable discussion” with Infrastructure Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov on negotiations with UN and Turkey on establishing grain transport corridors through the Black Sea.

“*“Ukraine is ready to export grain to countries in need; the United States continues engaging with partners to provide safe passage for grain,” she said on Twitter following the discussion.*

In addition, Brink met with Mayor of Kyiv Vitali Klitschko. “So proud to call the beautiful city of Kyiv our home... With victory, we can’t wait to realize Kyiv’s future as a great European capital,” the U.S. Ambassador said.



US Department of Agriculture reduces estimate of wheat crop in Ukraine this year by 2 mln tons

In the July report, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) reduced the forecast for the harvest of Ukrainian wheat in 2022/2023 marketing year (MY, July-June) by 2 million tons compared to June, to 19.5 million tons, while the estimate of its exports is kept at the level of 10 million tons.

"Production in Ukraine is reduced by 2 million tons to 19.5 million due to a reduction in acreage, as indicated in the statistics provided by the government of the country," the US Department of Agriculture said in a report released on Tuesday.

According to the document, the assessment of domestic wheat consumption in Ukraine was reduced by 1 million tons – from 11.2 million tons to 10.2 million tons, including for feed – from 6 to 5 million tons, follows from the USDA July report.

In addition, from 6.01 million tons to 5.24 million tons, the forecast for carryovers at the end of the current marketing year was reduced compared to 5.84 million tons at its beginning.

The US Department of Agriculture in the new forecast kept the forecast for corn exports from Ukraine in 2022/2023 MY at the level of 9 million tons, and its harvest – 25 million tons. At the same time, the forecast for its domestic consumption in Ukraine was also left at the same level of 10.7 million tons.

According to the report, in general, the forecast for the feed grain harvest in Ukraine for MY 2022/23 remains at 31.76 million tons, and its exports at 10.83 million tons.



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Restaurant Just Beach&Bar – opportunity to mix relaxation at pool and snacks, lunch or dinner on terrace of restaurant

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